

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

My Mother's Picture.

It hangs in its accustomed place,
An art work rich and rare.
And often when I view the face
My mother's self seems there.
The same grand forehead silvered o'er,
The same eyes full of love,
And as I gaze there more and more
The dear lips seem to move.

Selected by

MURTI G. BROWER.

DEAR EDITOR: I am only six years old. I thought I would write a letter for the Children's Column. My papa and mamma belong to the Brethren church. Papa takes the EVANGELIST. I go to the Baptist Sunday school, as it is too far to Enon. I go to school, and I am in the first room. I will be promoted in June. My teacher's name is Ella Williams. My sister teaches school. The fruit trees are full of blossoms. We have a bird, his name is Willie Winkie. I will write more the next time.

FRANK FLICKINGER.

Waterloo, Iowa.

DEAR EDITOR: I thought I would try to write a few lines for the Children's Column. I am fourteen years old. I like to read the letters in the Children's Column. I go to school. My studies are Reading, Writing, Spelling and Geography. My teacher's name was H. H. Spangler. Z. E. Livengood was here last week. He preached one night in Morrill. My father and sister belong to the Brethren church. My mother died last August. We live two miles from the church. I will close this time by answering Mattie Benshoff's question. St. John 11th chapter 35th verse, is the shortest verse in the Bible.

NORMAN BURNWORTH.

Morrill, Kans.

DEAR EDITOR: I thought I would write a letter for the Children's Column, though this is my first attempt. I like to read the little letters in the paper, and thought I would write one too. My papa takes the paper. I have three brothers and two sisters. My youngest brother is fifteen months old. My two sisters younger than I go to school. We live close to the Pony Creek church. It rained all day today. My papa, mamma, my two oldest brothers and I belong to the Brethren church. My papa is a minister in the Pony Creek church. I am 14 years old. I will close by answering Lewis Bowman's question. The Apostle Paul was taken to Rome bound in chains.

REBECCA WARNER.

Morrill, Kans.

DEAR EDITOR: I thought I would try and write another letter for your paper. I like to read the letters from the little folks. I am always anxious to see the paper. We have school now but I am not going. We have no Brethren church handier than 13 miles. I have not been there for four years. I go to Sabbath school. It is at 9 a. m.. L. B. Alexander is our teacher. There are fifteen in our class. I think I can answer Ella Arnold's question. How long did the children of Israel eat manna? Forty years. I will close by asking a question. Where in the Bible is the deaf adder mentioned.

Bad writing excuse,
Bad spelling forgive,
Remember the writer,
As long as you live.

ADA MENSER.

DEAR EDITOR: I will try and write another letter for the Children's Column. I am nine years old. I go to school. My teacher's name is Elmer Sluss. I like him very much. We have Sunday school at Louisville every Sunday. I can't go very often, it is too far. My sister Elsie and I each have learned a declamation for the children's meeting, June 13th.

My papa gave me one row of potatoes to cultivate, the proceeds I may give to the Missionary Fund. At present I can only give ten cents. I remain your little reader.

MELVIN SUMMERS.

DEAR EDITOR: This is my first attempt to write for the Children's Column. I am twelve years old. I have four sisters and one brother. I go to school nearly every day. My studies are Geography, Arithmetic, Grammar, and Spelling. My teacher's name is A. S. Britten. I go to Sunday school. Mr. E. Roberts is our Superintendent. My Sunday school teacher's name is

Mr. K. Kinsing. My father and mother belong to the Bethren church. I will close for this time.

W. CASSEL.

Phila., Pa.

DEAR CHILDREN: It has been a long time since we have had a word to say to you. You, no doubt, are all busy now, as we are. While we are handling type and writing, you are preparing the ground and planting—corn, potatoes, beans and seeds of various kinds. We hope you are all planting good seed, and will gather a nice crop and grow beautiful flowers.

We notice that several of our dear little ones are growing something to sell to get money for the Mission cause and other good works. We are already getting anxious to hear how these little laborers in the Lord's vineyard succeed in this commendable work. We shall be very proud of our little folks who will do a work of this kind, and we know the angels in heaven are delighted to look out upon such little gleaners in the harvest unto the Lord.

We hope, too, that our little workers will sow seed to the spirit, as well as to the earth, and will reap a crop from this soil that will never grow small or waste away. If you reap a crop from this soil it will be as pearls of great price: its beauty will always remain and make its possessor eternally happy.

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YOUR EDITOR.

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